

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following new claim:

8. (New)      A microphone coupled to a speaker;  
wiring coupled between the speaker and the microphone,  
said microphone and speaker and said wiring carried by a hat;  
said speaker positioned proximal to at least one ear of a wearer of said hat when said hat is  
worn;  
said speaker suppressing loud sounds such as shotgun discharges.